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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS:IS, EG, PFOR,PBOR, PDEV  
SUBJECT: NAHAL SUKKOT BECOMES KIBBUTZ SUFA

1. THE PARA-MILITARY SETTLEMENT NAHAL SUKKOT, LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF YAMIT IN THE RAFAH JUNCTION AREA, WAS OFFICIALLY TRANSFORMED INTO THE CIVILIAN SETTLEMENT KIBBUTZ SUFA ON JANUARY 17. SUKKOT WAS FOUNDED AS A NAHAL IN 1974, AND IS NOW (AS SUFA) THE FIRST KIBBUTZ IN THE RAFAHA AREA. IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LABOR PARTY'S SETTLEMENT MOVEMENT, AND IS SCHEDULED TO ACCOMMODATE EVENTUALLY UP TO 100 FAMILIES. (THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION'S SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO INITIATE WORK ON A SECOND RAFAH KIBBUTZ, STARTING AS A NAHAL, IN 1978 AND A THIRD ONE IN 1979 OR 1980. SEE 76 TEL AVIV A-218.)

2. AHARON YADLIN, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, SPOKE AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR SUFA, TELLING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ASSEMBLED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN GUESTS, AS WELL AS THE MAYOR OF RAFAH AND LOCAL BEDOUIN LEADERS, THAT "WE MUST IMPRESS UPON THE WORLD'S CONSCIOUSNESS THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL, IN ITS PEACE AGREEMENTS, WILL NOT RETURN TO THE BORDERS PRECEDING THE SIX DAY WAR," ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST.

3. COMMENT: MINISTER YADLIN'S MESSAGE IS ONE  
THAT ISRAELIS REITERATE AT EVERY SUITABLE OCCASION,  
PARTICULARLY AT SETTLEMENT DEDICATIONS AND VIITS. IT  
WILL BE RECALLED THAT WHEN PRIME MINISTER RABIN VISITED  
RAFAH AREA SETTLEMENTS LAST NOVEMBER HE STATED THAT  
THE REGION SHOULD BE A PART OF ISRAEL IN A PEACE TREATY  
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